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1. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR HELPFUL MESSAGE. APPRECIATE PROBLEMS YOU FACE ON WASHINGTON END. ON THIS END, BEAR IN MIND THAT, BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, WE NEED A MINIMUM RPT MINIMUM OF FIVE WORKING DAYS TO INSTALL COMMUNICATIONS INTO RAS EL-TIN AND PALESTINE HOTEL SO THAT THEY WORK. THIS IS EXCLUSIVE OF THE TIME REQUIRED TO TRANSPORT CAN-DO PACKAGE AND SECRETARY'S TELEPHONIC EQUIPMENT TO ALEXANDRIA.

2. EVER SINCE ISRAELI PRESS REPORTS THAT KING DAVID HOTEL HAS BEEN BOOKED FOR NEXT WEEK, WE ARE GETTING DAILY PRESS QUERIES ABOUT WHEN THE SECRETARY WILL COME. I HAVE GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPOND THAT WE HAVE NO RPT NO DEFINITIVE INFORMATION AND ANY PERTINENT ANNOUNCMENT WILL HAVE TO COME FROM WASHINGTON. I UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SPOKESMAN TAHSIN BASHIR HAS TOLD BRITISH CORRESPONDENTS THAT THE SECRETARY MAY COME SOME TIME LATE NEXT WEEK. HE HAS RPT NOT THUS FAR BEEN AS EXPLICIT WITH AMERICAN NEWSMEN. THE PRESS, BOTH LOCAL AND FOREIGN, IS ALSO MAKING DAILY CALLS TO THE PALESTINE HOTEL IN ALEXANDRIA TO ASCERTAIN IF FLOORS SECRET

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HAVE BEEN BOOKED FOR THE SECRETARY'S PARTY.

3. AS VP MOBAREK SUGGESTED I DO AT RAS EL-HIKMA, I TODAY MANAGED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HAMDI TAHRI, MARWAN'S PRINCIPAL AIDE, WHO HAS BEEN DISIGNATED SENIOR PRESIDENCY CONTACT OFFICIAL WHO WILL HANDLE THE VISIT. I AM SENDING DCM AND ADMINOFFICER GERLACH TO MEET WITH TAHRI LATER TODAY FOR PRELIMINARY PLANNING PURPOSES. BECAUSE OF SHORT TIME AVAILABLE, HE WILL DOUBTLESS WANT TO GIVE ORDER TO CLEAR TWO FLOORS OF THE PALESTINE HOTEL AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT GUESTS CAN FIND OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS. THIS IS NO RPT NO EASY JOB SINCE EVERY RPT EVERY ALEXANDRIA HOTEL IS FULLY RPT FULLY BOOKED. SS AND SY ADVANCE TEAMS ARE ALSO ARRIVING TODAY AND WILL DOUBTLESS WANT TO GO IMMEDIATELY TO ALEXANDRIA TO CHECK FACILITIES. I AM ASKING TAHRI AND SS/SY TO WAIT UNTIL COMING WEEKEND BEFORE DOING ANYTHING IN ALEXANDRIA, SINCE MY VISIT BY THEM OR EMBASSY OFFICIALS TO RAS EL-TIN AND/OR PALESTINE HOTEL WILL IMMEDIATELY BECOME KNOWN AND BE REPORTED IN THE PRESS.

4. FORTUNATELY, WE HAVE THE FLOOR PLAN FOR
RAS EL-TIN FROM THE NIXON VISIT AND CAN MAKE SOME
TENTATIVE ROOM ALLOCATIONS FROM IT. IN THIS CONNECTION, WOULD
BE HELPFUL HAVE SOONEST LIST OF WHO WILL BE ON SECRETARY'S PARTY.

5. WARM REGARDS.

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